News Review of Current Events the World Over

Congress Opens and President Delivers His Message at a Night Session—Neutrality and Bonus Are Due for Speedy Action.

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CONGRESS began a session that gives promise of being, not short and calm, as administration leaders had predicted, but long and lively.

President Roosevelt

Right at the start President Roosevelt caused the Republicans to howl loudly by deciding to deliver his annual message on the state of the Union before a joint night session of congress so it could be broadcast at a time when the maximum number of American citizens could be beside their radios. This required a special rule in the house for without it that body can meet but once a day, and the minority leaders made no considerable objection.

But Chairman Fletcher of the Republican national committee was aroused by Mr. Roosevelt's plan that he demanded equal time on the national radio chains for a Republican reply. Mr. Fletcher was sarcastic in his comments, saying:

"The President's decision to dramatize his message and to bring down to the level of a political speech his constitutional right and duty to address the congress on the state of the Union, is understandable in the light of past performances."

Senator Dickinson of Iowa denounced what he called "an attempt to use congress as the sounding board for a grand stand play by the President," but Senator Borah said he had no objection to the plan and no criticism to offer.

Anyhow, the President went ahead with his program and in his message gave his view of the nation's present condition, naturally holding that the New Deal was proving a success.

TWO major issues that call for quick consideration by congress are neutrality and the veterans' bonus. The existing neutrality law expires on February 29, and the President and his advisers have determined that a new law shall be passed which will give him broad discretionary power with regard to shipments, loans and credits to belligerents. There is in congress a strong group, headed by Senators Clark of Missouri, Vandenberg of Michigan and Nye of North Dakota and Representative Maury Maverick of Texas, that demands extension of the present mandatory neutrality law. Presumably the new measure will be a compromise.

Speedy passage of bonus payment legislation is expected, for its proponents are determined and vigorous. Officials of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans have just agreed on a bill which will include these provisions:

Immediate full cash payment of the adjusted service certificates.

Refund of interest paid on loans on certificates.

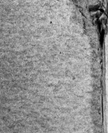
Cancellation of interest accrued and unpaid.

Provision that veterans who do not desire to cash their certificates may draw interest upon the maturity value thereof (less principal of loan, if any), to be paid thereon from a date to be specified.

Provision for issuance of special government obligations in lieu of adjusted service certificates to the value of about a half a billion dollars now held as security by the United States life insurance reserves account.

The veterans' organizations estimated their united proposal would entail a cash expenditure of approximately $1,000,000,000, rather than the $2,200,000,000 generally accepted as the cost of payment.

SENATOR PAT HARRISON of Mississippi, chairman of the senate finance committee, on his arrival in Washington for the opening of congress gave out the welcome statement that no new general tax legislation would be pushed through during this session. Said he: "I don't look for it and I don't think it is in the realm of possibility."



Sen. Harrison.

Adoption of a manufacturer's excise tax was also "out," according to Harrison. He pictured an unusually short session of congress with appropriation bills and amendments to existing legislation the principal business to be handled.

In the senator's opinion a compromise on the bonus, always politically vexatious, would be reached and a presidential veto would be avoided. Harrison reiterated his opposition to the Townsend old age pension plan and said it would make no progress at the new session.

Many house members agreed with Harrison as to taxes. It wouldn't be good policy to pass such measures this session for there will be elections in 435 congressional districts in 1936.

Pat Harrison took a crack at the Liberty league and its legislative program offered to congress. The league, he said, was "ready to take over the legislative and judicial functions" of the national government and might be magnanimous enough to take over the executive branch as well. The senator called the league a "lobby" and described its statements as "plutocratic propaganda."

NEW tax levies of more than $350,000,000 a year went into effect on New Year's day, these being the result of delayed tax rates passed at the last session of congress. The heaviest is from the unemployment insurance and old age pensions and, which is expected to raise about $240,000,000 in taxes before the next Treasury Tellfair county demanded her attention.

"I have to get my farm started on the 1936 crops," explained Mrs. Talmadge to the reporters. "The first few weeks of the year are a busy time."

NEW DEALERS speak scornfully of the Presidential poll conducted by the Literary Digest, but everyone is eager to see what it reveals. The latest returns show a still further decline in New Deal popularity. Out of a total of 1,370,774 votes received, 828,929 answered negatively the question "Do you now approve the acts and policies of the Roosevelt New Deal to date?" This striking eleven-to-five percentage to the new high figure of 60.47 per cent. The last preceding percentage was 58.51.

Eleven of the fourteen southern states continued solidly New Deal. Only Florida and Oklahoma voted against it. The entire middle western farm states continued balloting more than 3 to 2 against the administration.

The Rocky Mountain states, with the single exception of Utah, contributed substantial majorities against the New Deal, as did four of the six New England states, which were voting 3 to 1 against Roosevelt.

TWELVE persons, nine of them passengers, perished when the Imperial Airways liner City of Khartoum crashed in the Mediterranean off Alexandria, Egypt. The only survivors were Pilot Vernon G. Wilson, who was taken from the water in a critical condition. Among the victims was one American, James C. Luke of Philadelphia, an oil engineer on his way from London to Basra, Iraq.

The City of Khartoum, which had accommodations for 15 passengers and four members of the crew, had been retired from service recently, but was recalled to replace a flying boat which burned in the harbor of Brindisi.

FROM his field headquarters in Dessye Emperor Haile Selassie sent to the League of Nations a vigorous protest against the war methods of the invading Italians. The emperor charged specifically that Italian fliers, in raining explosives on the southern army of his son-in-law, Ras Desta Demtu, near Dolo, used poison gas and destroyed a Swedish Red Cross ambulance laden with sick and wounded.

A special meeting of the Swedish Red Cross was held in Stockholm to take action in this matter.

The Italian government in Rome asserted the aerial bombardment was fully justified by the alleged beheading of two Italian aviators by the Ethiopians after the flyers had crashed at Daggah Bur in Ogaden. The communique also said it was well known that "Ethiopian chieftains take shelter under Red Cross signs when they see Italian airplanes."

Fierce fighting was going on along the northern front in Ethiopia. In Addis Ababa it was claimed that one of the emperor's armies had scored a decided victory, but there was evidence that others of his units had suffered reverses.

DISPATCHES from Addis Ababa said reliable sources there had closed the terms on which Emperor Haile Selassie had authorized his delegation at Geneva to discuss peace, they were thus stated:

Withdrawal of Italian troops from Ethiopia; recognition of the African empire's sovereignty; payment of indemnity by Italy; delimitation of East African boundaries between Ethiopia and the Italian colonies by a league of nations committee, and foreign economic, administrative, and financial aid and advice for Ethiopia only on the condition there would be no Italian influence.

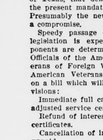
DECLARING that all America is menaced with violence by the Communists, the Uruguayan government severed relations with the government of Soviet Russia; Minister Alexander Minkin and his staff were handed their passports, and the Uruguayan chargé d'affaires was recalled from Moscow. The decree, signed by President Gabriel Terra and all members of the cabinet, asserted that Montevideo was the headquarters of Communists who were plotting uprisings in all South American countries, and quoted the Brazilian charges that the abortive rebellion there in November was instigated by the Soviet government and that the Montevideo legation was its intermediary.

Dr. Jose Espalter, Uruguayan foreign minister, said:

"We have proof that Montevideo was the center of a gigantic Soviet expansionist plot and that Minkin was organizing a revolution in Uruguay for next February or March."

Uruguay is the only South American nation that recognized the Soviet Russian government.

WITHOUT waiting for a ruling by the Supreme court on the validity of the Tennessee Valley authority act, Senator Norris of Nebraska, fa-



Sen. Norris.

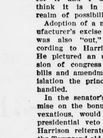
ther of that and much other advanced legislation, has prepared a bill for a Mississippi Valley authority along the same lines as the TVA but immensely greater in scope. He intends to introduce the measure soon in congress. It would embrace more than half of continental United States, including all the vast plain between the Alleghenies and the western continental divide and from the Canadian border to the delta of the Mississippi; only the Tennessee valley would be omitted from the plan.

Norris said it was an expansion of the "Muscle Shoals" idea to a regional authority. Flood control would be its chief goal, he disclosed, but it also would direct the development of navigation, irrigation, hydroelectric power, soil conservation and reforestation.

Like TVA it would be managed by a three-man corporate. The cost is not stated. Congress would vote funds from year to year as the work progressed.

NOTEWORTHY among recent deaths are those of Lieut. Gen. Hunter Liggett, hero of four wars and leader of the American first army in France when he was second in command to General Pershing; and Harry B. Smith, well known and prolific light opera librettist who wrote the books and lyrics for "Robin Hood" and many other productions.

COMPTROLLER GENERAL J. R. McCARL issued an order that blocked the plans of the Federal Surplus Commodity corporation to buy surplus farm products



J. R. McCarl

and to distribution. He held that the administration could not use the 30 per cent of gross customs receipts set aside for the AAA to buy farm products to be given to relief clients. In a letter to Secretary Wallace, McCarl said relief legislation and relevant statutes provided another way to handle such problems.

It was believed McCarl's ruling would not affect AAA plans for purchases for diversion purposes and not for relief distribution. An offer has been made for purchases of surplus potatoes from the 1935 crop, to be diverted into industrial channels. Officials said, however, they did not expect growers to take advantage of this offer because of recently advanced prices for potatoes.

SEEN and HEARD around the NATIONAL CAPITAL

By Carter Field

FAMOUS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON.—There will be a lot of oratory about the iniquities of the Canadian reciprocal trade agreement on the floors of the house and senate in the next few months, but a good deal of the steam has been removed from the punches expected from the Washington and Oregon lumber interests.

Lumber had to be in that treaty. Canada was more wrought up about the imposition of that special duty on lumber—added when the copper, oil and coal interests were getting their specific protections—than about anything else. Her point appealed particularly to Secretary of State Cordell Hull because she could easily demonstrate that she had been buying two dollars worth of American goods for every one dollar of Canadian goods bought in the United States. And Mr. Hull doesn't like tariffs anyhow.

But once lumber was put in the Canadian treaty, the Pacific Northwest hit the ceiling, and started howling some time—hit the ceiling so hard that trusty scouts reported to Postmaster General James A. Farley that if the election were held today both Washington and Oregon would go Republican—or rather, would go anti-Roosevelt.

There were plenty of conferences here on that news. No one not familiar with the electoral vote tables, which insiders have been jiggling here for the last few months, would realize how big that news was—how bad to the New Dealers—how grand to Republicans.

For with New England concededly out the window—as confirmed by every poll—it is imperative for President Roosevelt to make a pretty clean sweep in the West. Washington has eight electoral votes, Oregon five, but those thirteen become mighty important if the whole Northeast is leaning Republican. Woodrow Wilson carried Washington, but lost Oregon, but he carried Ohio, and that big bloc of electoral votes is far from safe for Roosevelt, from all present reports.

Promises Made

As a result of all this worry there has been a sudden spurt in the activity of the lumber associations. All sorts of promises were made. Canada is to enlarge her shipments to the United States, so that Canadian lumber would not be discriminated by the AAA quota allowance during any one period. Lumber was to be given more consideration in various other treaties which are on the fire. Big efforts will be made by the U. S. department to open up new markets for American lumber.

Last but not least there have been pretty well taken into camp as a result. They promise to smooth down their differences and representatives on Capitol Hill. They even promise kind words for the administration.

But some of the promises made are not so easy of fulfillment. The trouble is in the "escape" or "peril point" clause, which is dear to Secretary Hull. It was for this clause, this country might induce some country anxious to buy a lot of lumber to reduce its tariff, and thus make up a new market for the American lumber interests.

But the moment that nation did that she would also be reducing the tariff on every article she sold to every other nation. Which would mean that Canada would have the same opportunity, on an equal basis, and probably without any quota restriction. So you can see what would have been the Canada shipped that lumber into the United States.

Mr. Hull, it is learned, hopes to wiggle out of this problem by more "escape" clauses. He would make the quotas run contrary to the spirit of the "most favored nation" clause.

Union Hours on Farm

Union hours for farm hands is the latest farm relief suggestion. Sounds like the usual union hours on farms, and crazier still to farmers at first blush. But there is a real idea behind it, and you may be hearing a lot about it before election day.

The underlying proposition is now being weighed in the secret deliberations of certain Department of Agriculture officials. It may just possibly be the Republican farm plank—that long sought substitute for AAA farm benefits and processing taxes.

Of course there would be nothing like the Adamson eight-hour act for railroad workers, or even the minimum wage laws of factories and mines. It would have to be approached with far more delicacy.

For instance, there would have to be nothing compulsory about it at all, and no effort would be made to compel it to farmers owning and cultivating their own acres. The idea would be to put it in the form of a bonus paid to each farmer for every hired hand regularly employed throughout the year who was not made to work more than a given number of hours per day, on the average—a liberal bonus, which would make the thing attractive.

Every one concedes the need for something of the sort. Farmers and farm hands are still working absurdly long hours for this day and generation. Yet the average product per man hour has increased on the farm as much as in many highly mechanized lines of industry.

It is not only farm machinery which has brought about this increase in productivity per hour of employment. It is better fertilizer, more intelligently chosen, and it is better seeds, producing larger yields for the same amount of work.

This increase in yields per man hour of work ranges from 14 times in the case of some farm products down to 2½ times. But the last figure is the minimum.

No Restriction

There would be no disposition, of course, to restrict the bonus only to farmers whose hands had not worked more than the maximum number of hours set on any one day. It would be applied on the average number of hours for the number of working days specified for the year. There is some suggestion of making this average as low as eight hours, though others advocate starting at nine.

During the harvest season, of course, no one would propose that hours be restricted. But long hours at harvest time would mean leisure later on to make up for the overtime.

Another advantage is pointed out by advocates of this new bonus plan. It is that many farmers now employ extra help only at rush seasons, such as harvest time. If the bonus were made liberal enough, it is contended, farmers would be inclined to take or say one more hand for regular work, making some palms to find employment for this kind of non-rush times, and thus enabling the employing farmer to claim the bonus.

The effect of this, of course, assuming it worked, would be to provide more regular employment on the farms, and curtail to just that extent the pressure for jobs in the cities at the very time need for employment in urban centers is the greatest—through the winter. And it would cut down—to whatever extent it succeeded—the number of drifters, so frequently one of the toughest problems of charitable relief in winter.

Cut Out Bond Salesmen

There was a time when, at June commencement times, half a dozen or more of the most popular young men in the graduating class of each big college, especially the eastern ones, would be approached by big investment banking houses. The young men, if they accepted the offer, became bond salesmen. They tried to capitalize their college acquired popularity, especially if they had been lucky enough to win their letters on the football team or crew, selling investment securities to the mothers, fathers, aunts and uncles of the girls at whose houses they had visited during college vacations.

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Inebriate Youth Shifting HANDS

by Sara Ware BASSETT

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"Don't wind up this fighter. She's spinning fast as it is!"—Bystande

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She had pried out the brick and had the jewel-case in her hand, wrapped and ready for its return when conversation overheard suddenly ceased and she heard Marcia pass through the hall and start down stairs.

Sylvia gasped. There was no chance to put the package back and replace the brick, which fitted so tightly that its adjustment was a process requiring patience, care, and time.

Flustered, frightened, she jammed the jewel case into her dress and frantically restoring the brick to the yawning hole in the hearth as best she could, she fled up the back stairs at the same moment Marcia descended the front ones.

Once in her room, she closed and locked the door and sank panting into a chair to recover her breath.

Well, at least she had not been caught and in the meantime the jewels were quite safe.

She took the case stealthily from her pocket. Now that the gems were in her possession, it certainly could do no harm for her to look at them—even try them on, as she had been tempted to do when she first discovered them. Probably never again in all her life would she hold in her hand so much wealth and beauty.

The largest glacial system in the continental United States is the Mount Rainier National Park, comprising 28 glaciers with a total area of nearly 50 square miles.

C. Frank Brockman was elected out in American Forestry magazine as the most popular, third largest and most able of the group, is receiving a salary rate of 72 for the Literary Digest.

Lightning Does It

A special committee met in Washington to discuss preservation of Washington's historic landmark; the Washington Monument, a 201-year-old cedar, it is said, is struck by lightning on an average of once every 30 years. While the committee argued, a storm split the tree.

"Can't anything be done from here?" queried she.

"Such as—"

"Letters, telegrams—whatever you wish. I can telephone or telegraph anywhere. Or I can write."

Surprise stole over his face, then deepened to admiration.

"You would do that for me—blindfolded?"

"Why not? I simply want to help. I always like to help when I can."

"Even when you do not understand?"

Piercingly his eyes rested on her face.

"I—I—do not need to understand," was her proud retort.

For the fraction of a second their glances met. When he spoke his voice was low—impressive.

"Marcia—come here!"

She went—she knew not why.

"Give me your hand."

Again, half-trembling, half reluctant, she obeyed.

He took it in his and bending, kissed it.

"I will stay and you shall telegraph," was all he said.

She sprang to fetch paper and pencil, as if welcoming this break in the tension.

"I'm afraid I cannot write plainly enough with my left hand," he said. "Will you take down the message?"

"Certainly."

"Mrs. S. C. Heath."

Her pencil, so firm only an instant before, quivered.

"Have you that?"

"Yes."

"The Biltmore, New York City."

"Yes."

"Everything safe with me. Do not worry. Marooned on Cape Cod with cold. Nothing serious. Home soon. Love, Stanley."

"Got that?"

"Yes."

Had something gone out of her voice? The monosyllable was like a colorless. Heath looked at her. Even her expression was different—or did he merely imagine it?

"Perhaps I would better just glance over the message before you send it—simply to make sure it's right."

"Let me copy it first," she objected. "Copy it? Nonsense! What for? Nobody's going to see it."

He reached for the paper.

Still she withheld it.

"What's the trouble?"

"It isn't written well enough. I'd rather copy it."

"Why?"

"I'm wobbly. I—I—perhaps my hands were cold."

"You're not chilly?"

"No—oh, no."

"If the room is cool you mustn't stay here."

"It isn't. I'm not cold at all."

"Will you let me take the telegram?"

She placed it in his hand.

"It is shaky. However, that's of no consequence, since you are to 'phone Western Union. Now, if you truly are not cold, I'd like to dictate a second wire."

"All right."

"This one is for Currier," he said. "Mr. James Currier, The Biltmore, New York City. Safe on Cape with My Lady. Shall return with her later. Motor here at once, bringing whatever I need for indefinite stay."

"Stanley C. Heath."

"Got that?"

"O. K.," nodded Marcia.

This time, without hesitation, she passed him the paper.

"This, I see, is your normal handwriting," he commented as he placed the message side by side.

Taking up the sheets, he studied them with interest.

"Hadn't I better go and get off the messages?" suggested Marcia, rising hastily from her tilting position. "Often it is, at noontime."

"It doesn't matter if they don't go until afternoon."

"But there might be some slip."

He glanced at her with his keen eyes.

"What's the matter?"

"Matter?"

"Yes, with you? All of a sudden you've turned strangely nervous."

"Have I?" Lightly, she laughed. "I probably have caught the habit from the sea. Environment does influence character, psychologists say."

"Nevertheless, you are not fickle."

"How do you know? You know an amazing amount about me, seems to me, considering the length of our acquaintance," she observed with a tantalizing smile.

"I do," was the grim retort. "I know more than you think—more, perhaps than you know yourself. Shall I hold the betraying mirror up before you?"

"The mirror of truth? God forbid! Who of us would dare face it?" she protested, still smiling but with genuine alarm. "Now do let me run along and send off the messages. I must not loiter here talking. You are forgetting that you're ill. The next you know your temperature will go up and Doctor Stetson will blame me."

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For Dick is known the length and breadth of the District of Columbia as the "hero conductor of Washington." That's what the newspapers called Dick Mayock. And with good reason, too. For in the middle of April, 1923, he earned that title of his—earned it two or three times over.

Dick's car had just finished a trip into town—had turned at the Treasury building and started back. As the car left the Treasury behind it, rain began to fall, suddenly, and in such volume that it looked to Dick as if everything on the streets would be washed away.

Back in the car, the passengers were saying that it was a cloudburst. And that's exactly what it was.

The streets of Washington looked like canals, and Dick's trolley plowed through an almost unbroken stretch of water, which sometimes came as high as the hubs of the wheels.

The Terrors of Flood in the Nation's Capital.

The car reached the city limits at a place called Kenilworth Junction, turned into an underpass that ran beneath a railroad bridge, and there it happened. Dick saw the conductor Keeps Cool in Face of Tragedy.

And right there was where Dick Mayock did some fast thinking. He looked out into that swirling flood and remembered that the river, at this point, was only a few hundred yards away.

Anyone who got caught in that rush of water outside stood a good chance of being swept into the river and drowned. He stood with his back to the door and told the passengers to get back in their seats. They weren't going to be drowned—not while he was responsible for them.

Those passengers must have known Dick meant business, because they fell back and started climbing up on top of the seats. The water was two feet high in the car, now, and rising steadily.

Shrieks and Sobs Fill the Air.

"When the water got to be waist-high," says Dick, "I began to think that my time had come. And I'm sure everyone else felt the same, for we seemed hopelessly trapped.

"The shrieks and the prayers of the women were pitiful. I had to do something, and do it quickly, so I grabbed an umbrella, broke all the windows on one side of the car, and climbed up on the roof.

"There, I pulled them over the trolley pole to keep anyone from being electrocuted, and, lying flat on my stomach, helped the passengers up one at a time."

The dark, muddy water kept on rising. It was within a couple of feet of the top of the car when Dick thought he heard a moan coming from somewhere inside.

The passengers told him he'd be washed away if he tried to go back into that car, but Dick went anyway—worked his legs back in through a window while two men held onto his arms.

If Dick Was a Hero, Here Was a Heroine.

And the sight he saw when he got inside the car Dick will never forget if he live to be a hundred.

There, in that almost filled car was a woman, dazedly clinging to a strap with one hand while she held a baby with the other, trying to keep its head out of the water.

Dick grabbed the baby, flounderd to the side of the car and passed it through a window to the men on top. But when he turned back to help up the woman, she had disappeared, down into the muddy water that filled the bottom of the car.

Dick dived, and found her—pulled her to a window and thrust her out into the hands of those above.

Then he climbed to the roof himself and applied artificial respiration to the woman, who had swallowed water and was half drowned.

The water kept rising until it was flush with the car roof, and then it stopped. For two hours this strange little crew of cast-aways stayed on the roof, and then the fire department came.

A fireman with a rope tied around his waist tried to swim out to the car.

The current was too swift for him, though, and he had to be pulled back.

After two or three tries, he managed to reach an electric light pole 12 feet from the car, and the marooned passengers threw him an improvised line made of the trolley rope and some knotted neckties.

After the fireman had gotten ashore, ladders were strung along the rope and soon the entire party was on land again. But, boy, what a shindig while it lasted!

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Tulip Tree Wood Is Soft, White-Yellowish in Color

The tulip tree (Liriodendron Tulipifera, Linnaeus) also called yellow poplar, and whitewood, is one of the most distinctive of American trees. The leaves are simple, alternate, usually four-lobed, four to six inches across, appear to have tips cut off at right angle to the stem, and are long-stalked. At the base of each leaf-stalk are two leaf-appendages. The flowers are tuliplike, one and one-half to two inches deep, greenish yellow with three colored sepals and six petals. The fruit is made up of long winged nutlets arranged in tight brown, conelike clusters two and one-half to three inches long. The bark when young is smooth, bitter, ash-gray to brown, mottled with light blotches. On old trunks it becomes thick brown, deeply furrowed. The twigs are smooth, shiny, stout, reddish-brown, marked with pale obscure-breathing pores. Complete rings of stipule-scars surround the twigs. The buds are smooth, flattened, one-fourth to one-half an inch long blunt-pointed, red-dish-brown, covered with one pair of bud-scales. Within the buds are small miniature leaves. The wood is soft, not strong, light, white-yellowish to brownish and works easily. It is used for furniture, interior finishings, woodenware, novelties and veneer. The tulip tree is found from Rhode Island to Michigan, south to Florida and Arkansas.—Indianapolis News.

Meaning of Filibuster

Nowadays we think of a filibuster as something which goes on in legislatures. It is correctly used in referring to parliamentary tactics for delaying legislation. It is therefore surprising to find that filibuster is a Spanish word originally referring to piracy, looting, etc. Following the Mexican war it was frequently heard when specifically applied to expeditions organized on American soil for invading countries to the south. Its Dutch equivalent was vrijbuiter from which we get our word freebooter.—Faith-finder Magazine.

Skeletons in Armor Suits Are Found on Battle Site

Skeletons fully arrayed in medieval armor have been found in excavations in the vicinity of Venice, all in a perfect state of preservation. Workers engaged on excavations for the new great canal which is under construction in the picturesque district surrounding Stra, came across what undoubtedly must have been the scene of a great battle in the days of the ancient Venetian republic.

One of the many skeletons in armor was found to have a sword still between the ribs. Presumably the man fell in battle and has lain undisturbed all these centuries. Quantities of ancient weapons and armor also were found, together with beautifully modeled vases which, when the centuries old dirt had been washed away, were found to be painted by hand with designs and figures, the colors being perfectly preserved.

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